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SUBJECT: MARINE SECURITY GUARD COMPLEMENT

REF: LUSAKA'S 0734

1. IT APPEARS THAT THE ONLY CONCERN THAT NOW EXISTS WITH RESPECT TO THE APPROACH TO THE HOST GOVERNMENT ON THE FEASIBILITY OF THE ASSIGNMENT OF A MARINE COMPLEMENT IS THE QUESTION OF NUMBERS. IN THIS REGARD, IT IS OUR OPINION THAT INITIAL APPROACH TO HOST GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE FOR THE DESIRED COMPLEMENT OF FIVE (5) MARINES, AN NCOIC AND FOUR (4) WATCHSTANDERS. IF THE HOST GOVERNMENT WILL NOT ACCEPT THIS NUMBER YOU ARE THEN IN A POSITION TO BACK OFF TO FOUR (4) AND STILL OBTAIN APPROVAL FOR A REASONABLE NUMBER.

2. THE MARINE CORPS HAS AGREED TO THIS CONCESSION, IF SOMEWHAT RELUCTANTLY. HOWEVER, IT IS A WAY OF INTRODUCING
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A MARINE COMPLEMENT TO MEET OUR NEEDS THAT CAN BE

ADJUSTED IN THE FUTURE. KISSINGER

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